



fact sheet

Georgia Department of Human Resources

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Rape is an act of violence, power and control and is primarily motivated out of anger and/or a need to feel powerful by controlling, dominating or humiliating a victim.

NATIONAL FACTS

- 94,635 women in the United States were either raped or victims of attempted rape in 2004. (*Uniform Crime Report, Federal Bureau of Investigation*)
- Only 39 percent of all rape/sexual assault is reported to law enforcement. (*National Center for Victims of Crime*)
- One in six women has been the victim of an attempted rape or completed rape. (*National Center for Victims of Crime*)
- Every two and one-half minutes someone in the United States is sexually assaulted. (*National Center for Victims of Crime*)
- About 44% of rape victims are under age 18. 80% are under age 30. (*National Center for Victims of Crime*)
- 82% of victims of rape were raped by someone they knew. (*Department of Justice*)

GEORGIA FACTS

- 2,387 rapes were reported to Georgia law enforcement agencies in 2004. (*Georgia Bureau of Investigation*)
- Georgia's state-funded sexual assault programs served 3,969 victims who had been sexually assaulted or were victims of attempted sexual assault from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005. Of those victims:
 - 93% were female
 - 45% were between the ages of 12 and 24
 - 32% were African American
 - 47% were Caucasian
 - 84% knew their assailant
 - 25% were assaulted in their home

KEY PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

- Victims are often blamed for the violent act perpetrated against them. This prevents many victims from reporting the crime and getting the help they need.
- There are a shortage of services for victims of sexual assault and rape, particularly in southern Georgia.
- There are very few effective rehabilitation programs for offenders and even those who are convicted may re-offend after release from prison or probation.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

The Georgia Department of Human Resources funds 21 sexual assault programs statewide and trains law enforcement and medical staff to recognize victims of sexual harassment. For more information, call the Family Violence Program at (404) 657-3413.

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